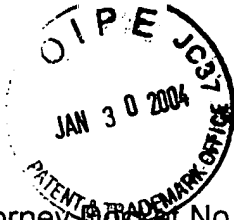


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amend the above patent application as follows.

In the Specification

Kindly amend the original specification as shown on pages 2-9, *infra*.

In the Claims

Delete claims 22 & 30-33 without prejudice, amend claims 23, 24, 25, 26,
27, 34 & 35, and add new claim 36, per a Listing of Claims at pages 10-12, *infra*.

In the Drawing

Please approve applicant's proposed corrections to FIGS. 1 & 2, and a
proposed new FIG. 3, per a Letter to the Official Draftsperson filed herewith.